(b) and (c) No such incident has been reported.

Retrenchment of workers by privatised PSUs

3061. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a large number of complaints towards retrenchment of workers by some privatized Public Sector Undertaking Companies; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for reversing growing unemployment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) During a meeting of the Hon'ble Prime Minister with Central Trade Unions on 18th October, 2002, some of the trade union leaders had raised the issue of retrenchment in some privatized PSUs. In view of this a team of officials is being sent to these privatized PSUs to assess the impact of disinvestment on Labour.

While employment opportunities in some traditional industries may have decreased, those have increased in many upcoming areas such as Information Technology, Tourism, Financial Services, Construction, etc. Accordingly, the growth strategy of the Tenth Plan lays emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities.

Kendriya Bhandar

†3062 SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to divide Kendriya Bhandar in to different categories to extending its outlets and to improve its level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) In order to attract more customers and increase sales,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.